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(U) Los Angeles – Police Detain Suspect in 15-Year-Old Girl's Fentanyl Overdose Death

(U) One person has been detained in connection with the fatal fentanyl overdose of a 15-year-old Los Angeles high school student who died on campus Tuesday night after buying drugs with a friend in a nearby Hollywood park. Los Angeles police detectives were searching for the home of a suspect Thursday who was described as a teenager. The girl who died, identified by the news outlet as Melanie Ramos, was found dead in a bathroom inside Bernstein High School. She told him her friend was in a bathroom and that they bought Percocet pills in nearby Lexington Park. Investigators believe the pills were laced with fentanyl.

SOURCE: 15 September 2022, Fox News

(U) Southern California – Operation Targeting Online Child Sex Abuse Nets 141 Arrests

(U) Authorities arrested 141 people across Southern California, most of them on suspicion of possessing child sexual abuse material, as part of a weeklong operation targeting online abuse, officials said. The effort was spearheaded by the long-running Los Angeles Regional Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, which comprises dozens of law enforcement agencies led by the LAPD. The results of the operation, which was conducted from 6 to 12 September, were announced at a news conference at LAPD headquarters.

(U) SOURCE: 15 September 2022, Los Angeles Times

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(U) Arizona – Parents Say Mass Shooting Suspect Was Angry About Current Events

(U) Phoenix – Police say Isaiah Williams spent his final minutes in full tactical gear, shooting at strangers and police, before turning the rifle on himself. Two people were killed, and five others injured after a seemingly random shooting spree at the Days Inn hotel on 28 August. Williams' mother and father said they never suspected he would hurt others. A few days after the shooting a close friend of Williams contacted police to tell him about his friend's final months. The friend told detectives "Isaiah's social media posts became increasingly anti-government and anti-law enforcement." He also said his old friend "expressed interest in moving to Iraq and fighting with Kurdish forces." The suspect's parents said the strain from the pandemic, a lack of job prospects, racial tension in America, high profile police use of force incidents, and inflation had weighed heavily on him.

SOURCE: 15 September 2022, ABC News

(U) Florida – Fleeing Driver Dies Crashing into Barrier Trying to Get Through Security

(U) Jacksonville – A man fleeing a hit-and-run crash tried to get through one of Naval Air Station Jacksonville's gates and was killed when security triggered a protective barrier that the driver slammed into, according to the Florida Highway Patrol. It is unknown why he tried to enter the base, but "We do not believe in any way, shape or form that this was an intentional act as far as any type of domestic

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terrorism or access to the facility," police said. Going about 40 mph on impact and not wearing a seat belt, the driver died on scene after running into deployed security measures. SOURCE: 15 September 2022, <u>Jacksonville News</u>

(U) Massachusetts – Woman Arrested Over Bomb Threat Made to Children's Hospital

(U) Boston – A Massachusetts woman was arrested yesterday in connection with a "hoax" bomb threat made last month against Boston Children's Hospital, which has seen weeks of harassment and threats for providing gender-affirming care, federal officials announced. Catherine Leavy, 37, has been charged with one count of explosive materials, willfully making a false bomb threat, Massachusetts US Attorney Rachael Rollins said. On 30 August, Boston Children's Hospital received a bomb threat over the phone, during which the caller reportedly said, in part, "There is a bomb on the way to the hospital, you better evacuate everybody, you sickos," according to Rollins.

SOURCE: 15 September 2022, ABC News

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Japan – Cyber Attack by Russian Hackers Disrupted 20 Government Websites

(U) Tokyo – A cyber-attack by suspected Russian hackers disrupted at least 20 Japanese government websites across four ministries, including the eLTAX and e-Gov portals. Chief Cabinet Secretary Hirokazu Matsuno said the pro-Russia group Killnet had claimed responsibility for the attack on the government websites. A Killnet claim appeared on social media stating that the group was resisting the Japanese government's militarism and was 'kicking the Samurai.' The pro-Russia hacktivist group uses distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks to paralyze the government websites of countries hostile toward the Kremlin. DDoS attacks involve bombarding a target website or network with a barrage of automated requests breaking its capacity, thus preventing legitimate users from accessing the website. SOURCE: 15 September 2022, CPO Magazine

(U) Japan – Bugs Found in Contec Airplane WiFi Devices Expose Passengers to Cyberattack

(U) Osaka – Researchers from Necrum Security have discovered two vulnerabilities in two different wireless LAN products from Contec. The vulnerabilities exist in the FLEXLAN FX2000 and FX3000 series of devices, which are primarily used to create Wi-Fi networks in airplanes. The vulnerable wireless LAN devices by the Japanese company can also be used in offices, factories, and other areas where high-speed communication is necessary and/or the requirement is integration with embedded devices. It is unlikely that flight control systems could be impacted by the two flaws in the FLEXLAN FX2000 and FX3000 series of devices. However, a threat exists to other passengers, or anyone connected to the WiFi network created on the vulnerable Contec devices.

SOURCE: 15 September 2022, Spiceworks

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